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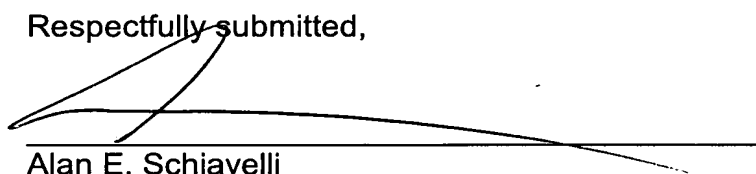
In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 for entry and consideration by the Office, and for printing on the first page of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 Equivalent.

Also attached is a copy of a Japanese Patent Office (JPO) Action mailed on 16 November 2004 in a Japanese patent application corresponding to the subject US case, along with copies of all of the foreign references cited therein. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e), Applicant states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the attached JPO Action not more than three (3) months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

Additionally, no separate concise explanation of relevance is submitted for each item of information not in the English language because, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(3), an English language Abstract for the reference also is attached and, as indicated in MPEP §609IIIA(3), the attached English language translation of the JPO Action indicates the degree of relevance found by the JPO.

This IDS includes the statement required under §1.97(e) and is accompanied by a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite fee under §1.97(d). Accordingly, Applicant submits that all requirements under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are complete, and respectfully requests the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 Equivalent to indicate such entry and consideration of the listed information.

Respectfully submitted,

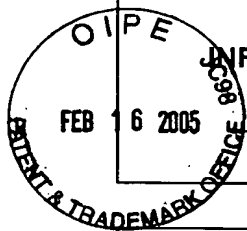


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